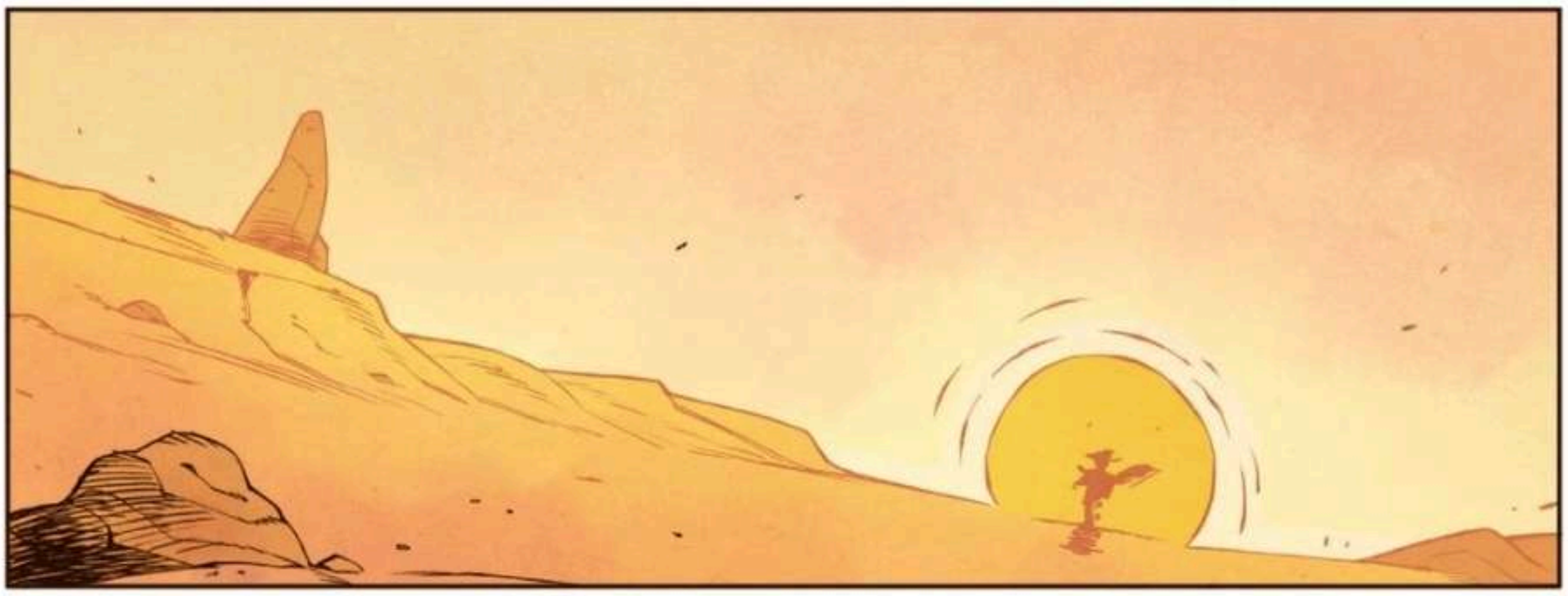
LEGO NINJAGO
SHATTERSPIN
TRI VUONG



HMMM?

CAN IT BE?

IT IS! THIS MUST BE THE ENTRANCE.

AND NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON. MY WATER IS RUNNING A LITTLE LOW--

EH?

SKT SKT SKT

HEY!

AGH!

THAT WAS MY FAVORITE CLOAK!

THINK TWICE BEFORE ATTACKING, BEAST.

MY NEXT BLOW WON'T BE SO MERCIFUL.

A WISE DECISION.

GRRR...

"MERCY IS NOT A KINDNESS, GARMADON."

MERCY IS A WEAKNESS, FOR THOSE WHO RECEIVE IT, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO GIVE IT.

AND I DID NOT TEACH YOU TO BE WEAK.

YOU'VE TAUGHT ME MUCH, *MASTER CHEN*. FOR THAT, I WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL.

BUT I WON'T BE YOUR STUDENT WHILE YOU AID THE SERPENTINE.

DO YOU THINK JOINING YOUR BROTHER TO FIGHT AGAINST THE SERPENTINE WILL SAVE NINJAGO?

IT WON'T. YOUR STRENGTH WILL ONLY PROLONG THE CONFLICT, AND BOTH SIDES WILL SUFFER IN THE END BECAUSE OF THE STALEMATE.

...

THEN WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE ME DO?

POWER IS THE KEY, GARMADON! *ULTIMATE POWER!*

OUR STRENGTH COMBINED WITH THE SERPENTINE WILL BRING A QUICK END TO A WASTEFUL CONFLICT. JOIN ME!

NO!

NINJAGO IS MY HOME, I WON'T TURN AGAINST IT! WHAT WOULD WU THINK OF ME...

OR MISAKO...

...

VERY WELL.

I SEE NOW THAT THERE'S NO TALKING YOU OUT OF THIS FOOLHARDY DECISION.

W-WHAT'S THIS?

CONSIDER IT A PARTING GIFT FROM A MASTER TO HIS GREATEST STUDENT.

IF YOU TRULY WISH TO END THE WAR, YOU WILL NEED A POWER GREAT ENOUGH TO OVERWHELM AND SUBJUGATE THE SERPENTINE.

YOU WILL NEED THE POWER OF THE **FORBIDDEN FIVE.**

"THE FORBIDDEN FIVE WERE ANCIENT ELEMENTAL MASTERS WHO FORMED THE **WOLF CLAN.** LEGEND HAS IT THAT THEY DEVELOPED AN ART OF FIGHTING SO DEADLY, THAT NO OTHER STYLE COULD STAND AGAINST IT."

NOT EVEN YOUR VAUNTED SPINJITZU.

INCREDIBLE...

THIS MAP AND THIS... KEY? IT WILL TAKE ME TO THEM?

SO THE STORY GOES, NO ONE WHO HAS SOUGHT THEM OUT HAS EVER RETURNED.

"BUT IF YOU WISH TO LEARN THEIR DARK ARTS, YOU MUST TRAVEL TO A REALM KNOWN AS *THE WYLDNESS* AND SEEK THE SHADOW DOJO, THE ANCESTRAL HOME OF THE WOLF CLAN.

"BE CAREFUL THOUGH, GARMADON. THEY GUARD THEIR SECRETS JEALOUSLY.

"NOT EVEN A MASTER LIKE MYSELF DARE TO RISK THEIR WRATH."

IF THE FORBIDDEN FIVE WERE SO POWERFUL, WHERE ARE THEY NOW? HOW DO I KNOW THEY'RE NOT JUST A MYTH?

THEY MAY VERY WELL BE. OR PERHAPS THEY WERE DESTROYED BY THEIR OWN POWER.

OR MAYBE THEY ARE JUST WAITING FOR SOMEONE WORTHY ENOUGH TO CLAIM THEIR SECRETS FOR THEMSELVES.

NICE TRY--

BROTHER-- BUT STEALTH WAS NEVER YOUR FORTE.

HEH. IT'S OVERRATED IN MY OPINION.

I WISH I CAME DURING HAPPIER TIMES, NOT AS NINJAGO PLUNGES INTO WAR.

YES, BUT, GARMADON, WITH THE TWO OF US FIGHTING SIDE-BY-SIDE, WE MIGHT STAND A CHANCE.

I WISH I SHARED YOUR CONFIDENCE.

HERE, SIT WITH ME, BROTHER. THERE'S MUCH TO DISCUSS.

I MIGHT HAVE FOUND A WAY TO TIP THE SCALES IN OUR FAVOR. MAYBE EVEN STOP THIS WAR ALL TOGETHER.

WHAT WAY? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

WE'RE BADLY OUTMATCHED IN THIS FIGHT, **WU.** IF WE ARE TO HAVE ANY CHANCE OF VICTORY, WE NEED POWER. ***REAL*** POWER.

I THINK I KNOW WHERE WE CAN ACQUIRE THAT. BUT I HAVE TO TRAVEL SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY.

TRUE POWER COMES FROM US STANDING BESIDE THE PEOPLE WE CARE ABOUT. WE ALREADY HAVE THAT.

THAT'S WHAT FATHER TAUGHT US.

FATHER'S BEEN GONE A LONG TIME.

WE HAVE TO FIND OUR OWN WAYS, WU.

LOOK AT OUR ARMY. VILLAGERS AND YOUNGSTERS THAT HAVE NEVER HELD A SPEAR.

I SNUCK IN HERE LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT, AND THESE SLEEPING FOOLS ARE NONE THE WISER.

THIS IS WHAT'S GOING TO SAVE NINJAGO?

THEY'LL BE ENOUGH. WE'LL ALSO HAVE THE HELP OF THE ELEMENTAL MASTERS.

BAH! THIS *ALLIANCE* IS TOO NEW AND TOO FRAGILE. I CAN'T PUT MY TRUST IN THEM.

BUT DON'T WORRY, I'LL RETURN WITH ENOUGH POWER TO STOP THE SERPENTINE.

YOU'RE A GREAT WARRIOR, GARMADON. GREATER THAN I'LL EVER BE.

BUT ONE DAY YOU'LL LEARN THAT THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED THAT'S BEYOND POWER.

OH? AND WHAT'S THAT?

FAITH.

NOT JUST IN YOURSELF--

"BUT IN OTHERS."

BUT THERE'S NOTHING HERE.

WELL, THIS IS IT...

THERE'S NO INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT I SHOULD DO NEXT TO ENTER THE WYLDNESS.

THIS MAP DOESN'T SAY WHAT TO--

HOW DEEP DOES THIS THING GO?!

THIS MUST BE THE PORTAL.

THE SHADOW DOJO MUST LIE BEYOND IT!

GASP!

I DID IT... I DARED TO DO WHAT EVEN CHEN WAS AFRAID TO TRY...
I MADE IT INTO THE WYLDNESS!

ALTHOUGH I MUST ADMIT, I WAS EXPECTING SOMETHING FAR GRANDER.
AND LESS PRICKLY.

THIS FOREST IS LIKE A MAZE!

EH?

NOTHING?

I GUESS I SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISED.

THIS IS A DEAD PLACE.

FINALLY, AN END TO THIS BLASTED FOREST!

WOAH.

I GUESS IT'S A LITTLE IMPRESSIVE.

NOTHING.

NOT EVEN THE SKIN OFF THE BONES FOR US TO EAT.

TAKE THE BONES AT LEAST. WE CAN BOIL THEM WITH IRIEL'S MUSHROOMS AND MAKE A BROTH.

I'M TIRED OF MUSHROOM AND BONE STEW!

IT'S SO SAD. THERE'S FEWER AND FEWER ANIMALS IN THIS FOREST EVERY YEAR.

PRETTY SOON NOTHING WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE HERE ANYMORE.

MAYBE NOT EVEN US, IRIEL.

ASA!

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?!

AND WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HAIR?!

I KINDA LIKE IT! MAYBE I'LL CUT MINE LIKE THAT, TOO.

YOU WERE PLAYING BY THE STONE WOLVES? I TOLD YOU NOT TO GO THERE, THAT PLACE IS CURSED!

A STRANGER CAME OUT OF THE POOL?!

BUT...HOW? WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

THEN THEY ATTACKED YOU AND CUT OFF YOUR HAIR?

NOBODY DOES THAT TO MY BROTHER! WHO IS THIS GUY? WHAT DOES HE LOOK LIKE?

SO, THIS IS THE SHADOW DOJO.

FORBIDDEN FIVE!

I AM LORD GARMADON, SON OF THE FIRST SPINJITZU MASTER!

I HAVE COME FROM THE LAND OF NINJAGO, SEEKING YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND POWER. IF YOU DEEM ME UNWORTHY OF THIS, THEN COME OUT AND OBLITERATE ME--

OTHERWISE, LET ME ENTER. FOR I WILL NOT BE TURNED AWAY IN THIS MATTER.

WHAT THE--

THIS PLACE IS NOT A TEMPLE. IT'S A MAUSOLEUM.
IS THERE NOTHING LEFT ALIVE IN THIS CURSED LAND?

CHEN MANIPULATED ME! THERE'S NO POWER TO BE GAINED HERE. HE ONLY SOUGHT TO LURE ME AWAY FROM NINJAGO SO HE CAN GAIN THE UPPER HAND IN THE WAR!

AND I FELL FOR IT LIKE A FOOL!

WONG!

BALUN, LOOK! THE TEMPLE...IT'S OPEN!

HOW...

COULD IT HAVE BEEN THAT STRANGER?

I DON'T CARE IF HE OPENED THE GATE. I'M STILL GOING TO TEACH HIM A LESSON FOR PICKING ON ASA.

BOOM!

AAAAAAAA...

OH, NO...

DID THAT GUY JUST RING THE GONG?

MAY THE FIVE PROTECT US... THAT MEANS...

THE LYCAN KING WILL HAVE HEARD IT!

QUICK, WE HAVE TO FIND WHOEVER THAT FOOL IS BEFORE HE ARRIVES!

OOF!!!

W-WHAT WAS THAT?! I'VE NEVER FELT SUCH POWER--

WHAT THE--

STATUES?

OUTSIDER...

WHO SAID THAT?!

YOU HAVE UNDONE ALL THAT WE HAVE SACRIFICED.

SHOW YOURSELF!

YOU HAVE UNSEALED THE SHADOW DOJO AND RANG THE GONG OF SHATTERING.

YOU HAVE CONDEMNED US TO ETERNAL OBLIVION.

WHO ARE YOU?! ARE YOU THE FORBIDDEN FIVE?

NO.

ALL COVET THE POWER OF THE FIVE.

BUT NO MERE MORTAL CAN CONTROL THEIR DARK POWER.

LONG AGO, ONE OF US TRIED AND DOOMED THE WYLDNESS TO THIS CURSED HALF-EXISTENCE.

THE MALLET OF SHATTERING.

TAKE IT. TAKE IT FAR FROM HERE. NEVER LET IT FALL INTO UNWORTHY HANDS AGAIN.

BUT WHY? I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

I AM LORD GARMADON OF NINJAGO, SON OF THE FIRST SPINJITZU MASTER. THE BLOOD OF DRAGONS COURSES THROUGH MY VEINS!

GRANT ME THE SECRETS OF THE FORBIDDEN FIVE, SO I CAN BRING SAVE MY REALM FROM CATASTROPHIC WAR.

SURELY, I AM WORTHY SUCH POWER!

WORTHY?!

THERE IS A VILE CORRUPTION BURIED DEEP IN THE ABYSS OF YOUR HEART!!!

THE POWER OF THE FORBIDDEN FIVE WILL SHATTER YOUR DIVIDED SOUL!

AND THROUGH YOU, IT WILL WREAK HAVOC AND DESTROY EVERYTHING THAT YOU LOVED, AS IT DID TO US!

GET AWAY FROM ME!

S-STOP!

LOOK! WITNESS THE DOOM OF THE ONCE MIGHTY WOLF CLAN!

YOUR ARROGANCE HAS UNSEALED THIS DARK TEMPLE AND PUT ALL THE REALMS IN DANGER.

AND YET... THERE IS STRENGTH IN YOU...

PERHAPS THROUGH YOU, OUR ONCE GREAT CLAN MAY YET LIVE AGAIN...

LOOK! THERE HE IS!

WHO IS THIS GUY?
HIS CLOTHES ARE STRANGE. I DON'T THINK HE'S FROM AROUND HERE.
I'LL HANDLE THIS.

HEY, YOU! WAKE UP!
WHY'D YOU MESS WITH ASA'S HAIR?
SMAK SMAK

STOP IT, WARBY. CAN'T YOU SEE HE'S IN SOME KIND OF TRANCE?

GRRRRRRR
OH, NO...
HE'S HERE...

THE LYCAN KING...

CHAPTER 2
THE LYCAN KING

GRRRRRR...

THE LYCAN KING! IT'S HERE!

GULP WE ARE SO DONE FOR!

EVERYBODY BACK AWAY SLOWLY. NO SUDDEN MOVES...

THIS GUY BETTER COME WITH US.

LET'S GO, ASA!

ASA?

MOVE!!!

OOF!

THWIP

EVERYONE MOVE! I'LL TRY TO SLOW HIM DOWN!

YA DON'T GOTTA ASK ME TWICE!

ZURI, THIS WAY!
HURRY, THE GORGE WILL TAKE US BACK TO THE RIVER!
KOOOOARK!
WHY ARE YOU STILL CARRYING THAT GUY? JUST DROP HIM!
NO! WE HAVE TO TAKE HIM TO *MAMA MAWA!* WE NEED TO KNOW HOW HE OPENED THE SHADOW DOJO.
I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YA, BUT IT AIN'T GONNA MATTER SQUAT HOW HE DID IT, IF WE'RE PETRIFIED!
NO, LOOK!

IT'S TOO BIG TO FIT THROUGH THE GORGE!

HAHA! THAT'S RIGHT, ASA! WE'RE NOT AFRAID OF NO LYCAN LOSER!

SPANK SPANK

HEY, UH... MAYBE LET'S NOT GO TOO FAR--

BOOM! BOOM!

YA JUST HAD TO MAKE THIS MORE DIFFICULT, HUH?

UGGGHH...

MY HEAD'S POUNDING...WHAT DID THOSE GHOSTS DO TO ME?

WHO IS THIS KID?

WHAT'S WITH THE HAIRCUT?

HUUUUNNNNH!

THANK THE FIVE! WE'RE ALL ALIVE!

DON'T COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS YET--

THE LYCAN KING'S COLLAPSED THE EXIT.

WE'RE TRAPPED!

THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!

UNHAND ME!

THE MALLET! GIVE IT HERE, BOY!

WE'RE GOING TO FIGURE THIS OUT LATER, BUT FOR NOW, YOU ALL BETTER FIND COVER.

I'M GOING TO GET US OUT OF HERE.

BINK

WELL...

THAT WAS ANTICLIMACTIC.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

WHAT HAPPENED TO ITS POWER?!

NOW WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

WHERE'S THIS WIND COMING FROM?!

THIS IS NO WIND...

THE LYCAN KING'S ABOUT TO UNLEASH HIS HOWL!

IF WE GET CAUGHT IN IT, WE'LL TURN TO STONE!

I DON'T WANT TO BE A LIVING STATUE! THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!

GET US OUT OF HERE!

OKAY, OKAY!

YOU HAVE TO HURRY!

BLAST IT! WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO, KICK MY WAY OUT OF A CAVE-IN?

YOUR STYLE IS PREDICATED ON SPEED AND GRACE. BUT TO BE EFFECTIVE, YOU NEED DISTANCE AND SPACE. IT DOES NOT SUIT YOU, AND IT WILL NOT HELP YOU HERE.

WHO SAID THAT? WAS THAT ONE OF YOU?

NO ONE SAID ANYTHING, YOU'RE TALKING TO YOURSELF!

MAYBE HE'S LOST HIS MIND?

ROOT YOURSELF. FIND YOUR BASE.

STRIP AWAY ALL THAT IS UNESSENTIAL.

NO FEINTS.

NO MISDIRECTIONS.

NO ART.

NO STYLE.

NOT EVEN AN OPPONENT. JUST YOU--

--AND DESTRUCTION.

ZURI, THAT STANCE--

IT CAN'T BE...

...SHATTERSPIN!

W-WHAT HAPPENED?

WHAT DID I JUST DO?

WELL, YA KINDA BABBLED SOME NONSENSE TO YOURSELF, THEN--

LATER! WE HAVE TO MOVE--

--THE LYCAN KING'S GONNA ATTACK!!!

I-IS EVERYONE ALRIGHT?

NOBODY'S TURNED TO STONE?

EH? STONE?

!

THIS POOR FELLOW GOT CAUGHT IN THE LYCAN KING'S HOWL.

...WE COULD HAVE EATEN HIM.

EVERYONE, HOP ON BOARD! THE LYCAN KING PROBABLY WON'T FOLLOW US DOWN THE RIVER--

--BUT LET'S NOT TEMPT FATE.

THAT BEAST... WHAT IS IT?

AWWOOOOOO!

AND WHO ARE YOU KIDS?

THAT MONSTER WAS THE LYCAN KING. IT HAUNTS THESE WOODS!

BUT MY NAME IS IRIEL!

BALUN.

THE NAME'S WARBY. I'M THE MUSCLE OF THE GROUP, SO DON'T STEP OUT OF LINE.

THAT'S ZURI. SHE'S A BIT OF A GROUCH, BUT DON'T MIND HER. SHE TAKES EVERYTHING SUPER SERIOUSLY.

AND THIS IS ASA. HE CAN'T SPEAK, AND HE'S A LITTLE SHY AT FIRST.

ASA, WHY DON'T YOU SHAKE OUR FRIEND'S HAND?

ER, HI...I'M GARMADON.

IRIEL, THAT'S ENOUGH. THIS MAN ISN'T OUR GUEST, HE'S OUR PRISONER.

AT LEAST UNTIL WE TAKE HIM TO MAMA MAWA.

HEH. A PRUDENT DECISION, GIRL. I WOULDN'T TRUST A STRANGER EITHER UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

TAKE ME TO THIS MAMA MAWA.

Buck Buck Buck

LET ME HELP YOU, BUCK BUCK.

BWAK

ANOTHER STUNTED HARVEST. EVEN THE HARDIEST OF ROOTS HAVE DIFFICULTY GROWING IN THIS DYING SOIL NOW.

BUT WE REAP WHAT WE SOW, DON'T WE, BUCK BUCK?

Buck Buck Buck

MAMA MAWA? ARE YOU HOME?

ZURI? IS THAT YOU?

WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE. I WAS NOT EXPECTING A VISIT TODAY.

THIS IS YOUR HOME?

NO, NO, THIS IS MAMA MAWA'S HOUSE. THE BOAT IS OUR HOME!

ZURI, WHO IS THIS MAN? HIS CLOTHES ARE STRANGE...

MAMA MAWA, THIS IS GARMADON. HE UNSEALED THE SHADOW DOJO... SOMEHOW.

WHAT?

AND HE HAD *THIS* WITH HIM.

THE MALLET OF SHATTERING! H-HOW?!

I FOUND IT IN THE DOJO. EVER SINCE THEN, ALL MANNER OF STRANGENESS HAS BEEN HAPPENING TO ME.

FOR INSTANCE, I SEEM TO HAVE LEARNED A COMPLETELY NEW STYLE OF FIGHTING.

NO IDEA HOW THAT HAPPENED...

THE MARTIAL ARTS OF THE ***FORBIDDEN FIVE!*** BUT THAT STYLE HAS BEEN LOST SINCE...

WE ALL BETTER GO INSIDE. SOME THINGS SHOULD NOT BE SPOKEN OF SO FREELY UNTIL YOU FILL ME IN ON WHAT'S HAPPENED.

--SO YOU TRAVELLED HERE FROM ANOTHER REALM, SEEKING THE POWER OF THE FORBIDDEN FIVE?

YES. I NEED A POWER GREAT ENOUGH TO STOP WAR FROM RAVAGING NINJAGO.

BUT ALL I'VE FOUND IS A DYING LAND HAUNTED BY MONSTERS AND GHOSTS.

IT WASN'T ALWAYS LIKE THIS.

ONCE, THE WYLDNESS WAS LUSH AND GREEN AND FULL OF LIFE! BIRDS FLEW IN OUR SKIES AND FISH SWAM IN OUR WATERS! IT WAS REALLY BEAUTIFUL!

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TOLD ANYWAYS. NONE OF US WERE BORN BACK THEN.

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THIS PLACE?

MAMA MAWA, ARE YOU SURE WE CAN TRUST HIM? HE'S A STRANGER...

I SENSE GREAT CONFLICT IN HIM, BUT NOT A DUPLICITOUS NATURE. HE WEARS THE TURMOIL IN HIS HEART CLEARLY FOR ALL TO SEE.

HEY, I KNOW EXACTLY WHO I AM *AND* WHY I'M HERE.

DO YOU NOW? TIME WILL TELL.

"LONG AGO, THE FORBIDDEN FIVE LED THE WOLF CLAN INTO A GOLDEN AGE OF GREATNESS. UNDER THEIR IRON RULE, THE WOLF CLAN BECAME THE GREATEST POWER IN ALL OF THE WYLDNESS.

KRAKOOM

"THE SOURCE OF THEIR STRENGTH WAS THEIR POWERFUL FIGHTING STYLE--

"SHATTERSPIN!

"THIS STYLE REQUIRES THE PRACTITIONER TO HARDEN THEIR MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT INTO IRON.

"ONLY THEN CAN EVERY DEFENSE BE AN ATTACK, AND EVERY ATTACK, A FINISHING BLOW.

KLANK

"WHEN A WARRIOR HAD MASTERED THE WAY, THEY WERE GIVEN A MAGICAL MASK.

"THIS MASK SYMBOLIZED THEIR COMPLETE DEVOTION TO THE FORBIDDEN FIVE AND ENHANCED THEIR ALREADY CONSIDERABLE STRENGTH.

"WITH THIS FORMIDABLE ARMY, IT APPEARED AS IF THE FORBIDDEN FIVE'S RULE OF THE WYLDNESS WOULD NEVER END--"

--BUT NOTHING LASTS FOREVER, NOT EVEN THEM.

"STILL, THE FORBIDDEN FIVE'S LEGACY ENDURED IN THE WOLF CLAN, LONG AFTER THEY WERE GONE.

"YOU SEE, SHATTERSPIN AND THE WOLF MASKS WERE JUST TWO PIECES OF A DANGEROUS PUZZLE TO THE FORBIDDEN FIVE'S ULTIMATE POWER--"

--A POWER *LOST* TO THE PASSAGE OF TIME.

LOST? HOW? DID THE FIVE HIDE THE SECRET TO THEIR POWER?

HIDE?! HAHAHAHA!

THE FORBIDDEN FIVE FELT NO NEED TO HIDE THEIR POWER. THEY *DARED* EVERYONE TO TRY AND ATTAIN IT. SUCH WAS THEIR ARROGANCE!

IF SOMEONE MASTERED THE FIVE'S WAY OF FIGHTING AND POSSESSED A WOLF MASK, THE ULTIMATE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF SHATTERSPIN WAS WITHIN THEIR GRASP.

ALL YOU WOULD HAVE TO DO IS TAKE THE MALLET OF SHATTERING AND RING THE GONG, AND THEN--

AND THEN? WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

WELL, IT DEPENDS.

ON WHAT?!

"IF YOU HAVE WITHIN YOU THE SPARK OF *ELEMENTAL MASTERY*, THEN YOU WILL BE DEEMED WORTHY OF THE POWER OF SHATTERSPIN.

"THE ULTIMATE POWER IN *ALL* THE REALMS WILL BE YOURS TO COMMAND."

WITH SUCH A POWER AT YOUR BECK AND CALL, NOTHING WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU.

YOU COULD WIN ALL WARS OR STOP THEM FROM EVER HAPPENING.

PERHAPS YOU COULD EVEN HEAL THIS BROKEN LAND.

BUT WHAT IF YOU'RE NOT AN ELEMENTAL MASTER AND YOU RING THE GONG?

WHAT THEN?

THEN A MOST TERRIBLE PRICE WILL BE PAID.

WHAT SORT OF PRICE? WHAT DO YOU LOSE?

EVERYTHING.

THE FALL OF THE WOLF CLAN...

WHO RANG THE GONG?

SOMEONE UNWORTHY.

HIS NAME WAS LORD ARGUS.

"HE WAS ONCE A GREAT WARRIOR WHO HAD COMPLETE MASTERY OF SHATTERSPIN.

"HIS DEVOTION TO THE FORBIDDEN FIVE WAS ABSOLUTE, AND HE DID HIS BEST TO LEAD THE CLAN IN THEIR WAYS AFTER THEY WERE GONE.

"BUT STILL, HE COULD TELL THEIR POWER WAS FADING IN THE ABSENCE OF THEIR MASTERS. IT WEIGHED HEAVILY ON HIS HEART THAT HIS ONCE PROUD CLAN'S TIME MIGHT EVENTUALLY COME TO AN END.

"UNTIL ONE DAY, HE WAS APPROACHED BY A STRANGER.

"ZAIDEN KANE, A POWERFUL SORCERER FROM UNKNOWN LANDS. LORD ARGUS ASSUMED THEY WERE YET ANOTHER TRAVELER SEARCHING FOR THE SECRET OF SHATTERSPIN.

"BUT THEY WERE NOT. KANE WAS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FAR MORE ELUSIVE.

"A POSSIBLE FORBIDDEN *SIXTH*.

"ZAIDEN KANE WHISPERED TO LORD ARGUS THAT HE MIGHT VERY WELL BE THIS PERSON.

"AFTER ALL, WAS HE NOT THE GREATEST OF THE WOLF CLAN WARRIORS AND A MASTER OF THE FORBIDDEN FIVE'S FIGHTING STYLE? AND DID HE NOT HAVE A WOLF MASK?

"HIS MASTERS LEFT HIM THE VERY INSTRUMENTS HE NEEDED TO JOIN THEIR HALLOWED RANKS.

GOK

"PERHAPS THEY WERE JUST WAITING FOR SOMEONE BOLD ENOUGH TO SEIZE THAT POWER FOR HIMSELF.

"BUT IT WAS ALL A RUSE. LORD ARGUS DID NOT HAVE THE SPARK OF ELEMENTAL MASTERY.

"THE CUNNING SORCERER KNEW THAT THE POWER OF SHATTERSPIN WAS OUT OF REACH--

"--BUT THE POWER OF THE TRAGIC, CURSED LYCAN KING WAS NOT.

"KANE'S MAGIC CONJURED THE ***SPECTRAL CROWN***, AND SO LONG AS IT SAT ON THE MONSTER'S BROW, THE LYCAN KING WAS THEIRS TO CONTROL.

"IT TOOK THE COMBINED MIGHT OF EVERY SINGLE WOLF CLAN WARRIOR TO STOP THEM.

"ULTIMATELY, KANE WAS DRIVEN FROM THE WYLDNESS, NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN.

"BUT IT CAME AT A TERRIBLE COST."

INCREDIBLE. THE ENTIRE WOLF CLAN WAS TRANSFORMED TO STONE?

NOT ALL OF THEM.

YOU SIT AMONGST THEIR DESCENDANTS. THE LAST CHILDREN OF THE WOLF.

THESE KIDS?!

AND YET SOMEHOW FATE HAS BROUGHT YOU TO US. A STRANGER FROM A DISTANT LAND THAT COMMUNES WITH THE GHOSTS OF THEIR ANCESTORS.

ONLY *THEY* CAN DEFEAT THE LYCAN KING. BUT THE KNOWLEDGE TO DO SO LIES BURIED IN THE WAYS OF THEIR PEOPLE, LOST AND FORGOTTEN.

THROUGH YOU, THE WOLF CLAN MAY RISE AGAIN.

BECAUSE YOU WILL BE THEIR *TEACHER.*

CHAPTER 3
MASTERS AND STUDENTS

WHAM!

BOOM!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

SHATTERSPIN! HE REALLY KNOWS IT...

BUT WHO THE HECK IS HE BOWING TO?

DID GHOSTS REALLY TEACH HIM? MAYBE I CAN LEARN IT, TOO, BY COPYING--

W-WHOAH!

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AGH

WHY ARE YOU SPYING ON ME, GIRL?

I-I'M NOT SPYING! I'M WATCHING!

I DON'T LIKE BEING WATCHED.

WELL, I DON'T REALLY CARE WHAT YOU LIKE.

THOSE ARE OUR FOREFATHER'S TECHNIQUES THAT YOU STOLE!

I DIDN'T STEAL--

BINK

LET HER GO.

WHY DID YOU PUSH ZURI OFF A TREE?!

THAT'S SO DANGEROUS!

PUSH HER?! W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

WHY DON'T YOU ASK HER WHY SHE WAS SKULKING AROUND?

I WAS WATCHING YOU BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN WITH US FOR MORE THAN A WEEK, AND YOU HAVEN'T TAUGHT US ANYTHING. YOU JUST BABBLE IN YOUR SLEEP!

I'M COMMUNING WITH GHOSTS. ALSO, I DON'T NEED TO EXPLAIN MYSELF TO CHILDREN.

YOU DON'T LOOK THAT OLD. HAVE YOU BEEN FENDING FOR YOURSELF SINCE THE DAY YOU WERE BORN?

AND WE HAVEN'T FORGOT WHAT YOU DID TO ASA'S HAIR!

ENOUGH!

YOU'LL KNOW WHEN I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE WITH YOU!

IN THE MEANTIME, I SUGGEST YOU LEAVE ME ALONE!

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BLAST IT.

WELL, THAT WENT WELL.

MAMA MAWA.

HOW IS IT THAT I CAN'T FIND ANY PEACE AND QUIET IN THIS DEAD LAND?

ARE YOU HERE TO BERATE ME FOR "STEALING" SHATTERSPIN, AS WELL?

I WAS JUST TAKING BUCK BUCK FOR A WALK.

BUT YOU SEEM TO HAVE INTERNALIZED THE WOLF CLAN'S SECRET ART.

Buck Buck Buck

INTERNALIZED? I'VE MASTERED IT, I'D SAY.

NO YOU HAVEN'T.

THIS ISN'T MASTERY?

TO MASTER SOMETHING, YOU MUST BE ABLE TO TEACH IT. AND SO FAR, YOU SEEM TO BE EXCEEDINGLY BAD AT DOING SO. MAYBE THE WORST I'VE EVER SEEN.

FOR THE RECORD, I HAVEN'T SAID I WOULD BE THEIR MASTER.

YOU HAVEN'T SAID YOU WOULDN'T, EITHER.

YOU'RE MAKING THIS ABOUT YOURSELF, BUT WHEN YOU CAME HERE AND UNSEALED THE SHADOW DOJO, YOU SET EVENTS IN MOTION THAT ARE NOW OUT OF YOUR CONTROL.

"THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE THE WOLF CLAN IS TO REMOVE THE SPECTRAL CROWN FROM THE LYCAN KING'S BROW AND FREE LORD ARGUS FROM HIS CURSE.

"BUT THE CROWN IS BOUND TO HIM BY *FOUR RUNES* CAST UPON HIM BY ZAIDEN KANE. SO LONG AS THOSE RUNES EXIST, THE SPECTRAL CROWN REMAINS IMMATERIAL AND CANNOT BE TOUCHED.

"AND THE ONLY THING THAT CAN DESTROY THE RUNES ON THE LYCAN KING--"

--IS SHATTERSPIN.

WHICH ONLY I HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF.

YES. LIKE IT OR NOT, GARMADON--

--YOU WERE DESTINED TO BE HERE.

BUCK BUCK BUCK BUCK

I...I DON'T KNOW IF I BELIEVE IN DESTINY. AT LEAST, NOT ONE OF MY OWN MAKING.

YOU HAVE A DIVIDED HEART. I KNEW THAT THE MOMENT I SAW YOU.

YOU CAME HERE FOR A REASON.

YOU WANT TO HELP, BUT YOU ALSO WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE.

WHAT'S REALLY HOLDING YOU BACK?

...

THEY DON'T TRUST ME.

I'M NOT A TEACHER LIKE MY FATHER.

HAVE YOU GIVEN THEM A REASON TO TRUST YOU?

DO YOU EVEN KNOW THEIR NAMES?

OF COURSE, I DO! THERE'S THE OLDEST GIRL, THE ONE WITH THE SURLY FACE...LORI?

THEN THERE'S... WARRICK? THE GUY WITH BIG MOUTH.

WHO'S THE OTHER GUY? THE ONE THAT'S KIND OF BORING?

I THINK YOU'VE PROVEN MY POINT.

CHOOSE A PATH, GARMADON. EITHER GO BACK TO NINJAGO AND LEAVE THEM TO THEIR FATE...

OR BECOME THEIR TEACHER AND GIVE THEM A CHANCE AT A FUTURE.

BENEATH THE MOON'S DIM GLOW--

I GATHER BY THE FIRE, WHERE SHADOWS TAKE FLIGHT.

IN THE WOODS, A STORY'S TOLD, OF CREATURES UNTAMED.

THE WOLVES! FIERCE AND WILD, IN DARKNESS THEY'RE NAMED!

TAM TAM TAM

BUMP

DO YOU HAVE SCISSORS?

SNIP
SNIP
SNIP

WHY'S HE DOING THAT?

MAYBE HE'S TRYING TO BE NICE?

OKAY, DONE.

ASA, YOU LOOK SO CUTE! YOU'RE LIKE A LITTLE KITTEN!

NAW, NOT A KITTEN. A CUB!

WELL, ANYWAY... YOU SHOULD ALL GET SOME SLEEP.

WE BEGIN TOMORROW.

BEGIN WHAT?

YOUR TRAINING.

SNIFF
SNIFF

HELLO, LORD ARGUS. IT'S BEEN TOO LONG.

TEMPER, TEMPER. IS THIS HOW YOU GREET AN OLD FRIEND?

HAVE PATIENCE. WE WILL BE REUNITED SOON!

AHAHAHAHAHA!

OH BOY, I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE GONNA START OUR TRAINING.

DO I HAVE TO LEARN THIS, TOO? I DON'T THINK I'LL BE GOOD IN A FIGHT.

ME EITHER, IRIEL.

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING FIRST, GARMADON?

LORD.

THAT'S THE TITLE YOU WILL REFER TO ME AS, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

YES...LORD GARMADON.

GOOD. ALL MARTIAL ARTS BEGINS WITH RESPECT AND HONOR.

FIRST FROM THE TEACHER TO STUDENTS.

THEN FROM STUDENT TO TEACHER.

NOW, ONE MORE BOW.

UMM, TO WHO?

YOUR ANCESTORS.

ALL FIGHTING BEGINS WITH ONE THING--

ZZZZZZ

A STRONG BASE.

WITHOUT ONE, YOUR STRIKES WILL BE WITHOUT POWER, AND YOUR MOVEMENT WITHOUT SPEED.

L-LORD GARMADON...W-WHY DO WE HAVE TO HOLD THESE BUCKETS OF WATER...W-WHILE ASA GETS TO NAP?

ASA IS TOO YOUNG FOR SERIOUS TRAINING. HE WILL BEST LEARN BY WATCHING HIS SIBLINGS SUFFER...I MEAN, PRACTICE.

H-HOW LONG DO WE HAVE TO H-HOLD THEM UP FOR?

UNTIL HE WAKES UP.

WHAT?!!!

OH DEAR, IRIEL'S DROPPED HER BUCKET. WHEN ONE OF YOU FAIL, YOU ALL FAIL.

ONE THOUSAND PUSH-UPS.

ONE...

TWO...

THREE...

...FOUR...

THE FIGHTING ART OF YOUR PEOPLE REQUIRES SPEED.

EXPLOSIVE SPEED.

THE BEST WAY TO DEVELOP THAT IS RUNNING.

UPHILL.

TO THE *TOP* OF THAT MOUNTAIN.

HEY, PAY ATTENTION!

I-S THAT BIRD FOR US?

WHOEVER CAN RETRIEVE THE FLAG FROM THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN BEFORE ASA FINISHES COOKING GETS THE--

BIRD...

OUT OF THE WAY, DUMMIES! I NEED THAT BIRD! I NEED THAT BIRD!

HUFF... HUFF... ALMOST THERE...

HAHA! THE FLAG IS MINE!

AGH!

"DONK"

WATCH IT!

AAAAAAAAAA

"BONK"

TOO SLOW. ONE THOUSAND PUSH-UPS.

T-TWO HUNDRED A-AND... ONE...

TWO H-HUNDRED... AND...TWO...

T-TWO H-HUNDRED AND... T-THREE...

YOU'VE ALL MADE... ACCEPTABLE PROGRESS IN YOUR TRAINING.

WHILE YOU STILL HAVE VERY FAR TO GO, YOU SHOULD NOW BE READY TO LEARN THE FIRST BASIC ATTACK OF SHATTERSPIN.

NOW, WATCH CAREFULLY.

ROOT YOURSELF INTO THE GROUND. FEEL THE EARTH SUPPORTING YOU, LENDING YOU ITS STRENGTH.

COIL YOURSELF AROUND THAT STRENGTH. GATHER UP THAT ENERGY WITHIN YOU, LIKE A WOLF ABOUT TO POUNCE.

LET IT BUILD WITHIN YOU, UNTIL YOU CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE.

THEN RELEASE IT ALL AT ONCE!

COOOOOOOOL...

YOUR TURN, BALUN, YOU'RE FIRST.

THE PRINCIPLE SEEMS SIMPLE ENOUGH. BUILD A KINETIC CHAIN FROM THE FEET AND LINK IT TO THE HANDS.

FAIL! TOO MUCH THINKING.

NEXT!

BINK

HIYA!

doof

OWOWOW OWOWOW!

FAIL. YOUR FORM IS TOO SOFT.

NEXT!

WATCH THIS! PREPARE TO BE IMPRESSED!

BAM!

NO CONTROL! FAIL!

NEXT!

YOUR TURN, ZURI.
O-OKAY.
KA
K!

ZURI, YOU DID IT! I KNEW YOU HAD IT IN YOU!
NOW SHOW ME HOW TO DO IT!

BENEATH THE MOON'S DIM GLOW, IN THE EERIE NIGHT.

I GATHER BY THE FIRE, WHERE SHADOWS TAKE FLIGHT.

IN THE WOODS, A STORY'S TOLD, OF CREATURES UNTAMED.

THE WOLVES, SO FIERCE AND WILD, IN DARKNESS THEY'RE NAMED.

I WAS WRONG ABOUT YOU.

BUCK BUCK BUCK

HM?

YOU'RE QUITE THE NATURAL AT THIS. DID YOU HAVE GOOD TEACHERS TO GUIDE YOU?

ACTUALLY, I'VE HAD VERY DIFFERENT TEACHERS. VERY DIFFERENT STYLES...

BUT I ALWAYS HAD A GOOD FATHER...AND A GOOD BROTHER.

THEY ACCEPTED ME FOR WHO I WAS AND NEVER TRIED TO CHANGE ME TO SOMETHING I WASN'T. I TRIED TO REMEMBER THAT WHEN I TAUGHT THESE CHILDREN.

I FIGURED IF I CAN GET THROUGH TO JUST ONE OF THEM, THEN THAT ONE WILL TEACH THE OTHERS.

AND ZURI...SHE'S A NATURAL LEADER. SHE HAS GREAT POTENTIAL.

COME DANCE WITH US, GARMADON!

UH...NO. YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT.

HEY, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO CALL HIM LORD GARMADON!

ONE THOUSAND PUSH-UPS!

NOOOOOOOO!

WELL...

I'VE DONE WHAT I CAN FOR THEM.

AND YOU.

I PRAY IT WILL BE ENOUGH.

KRAKK

Buck Buck
Buck

CHAPTER 4
DESTINIES

BUCK BUCK BUCK

SHHHH...

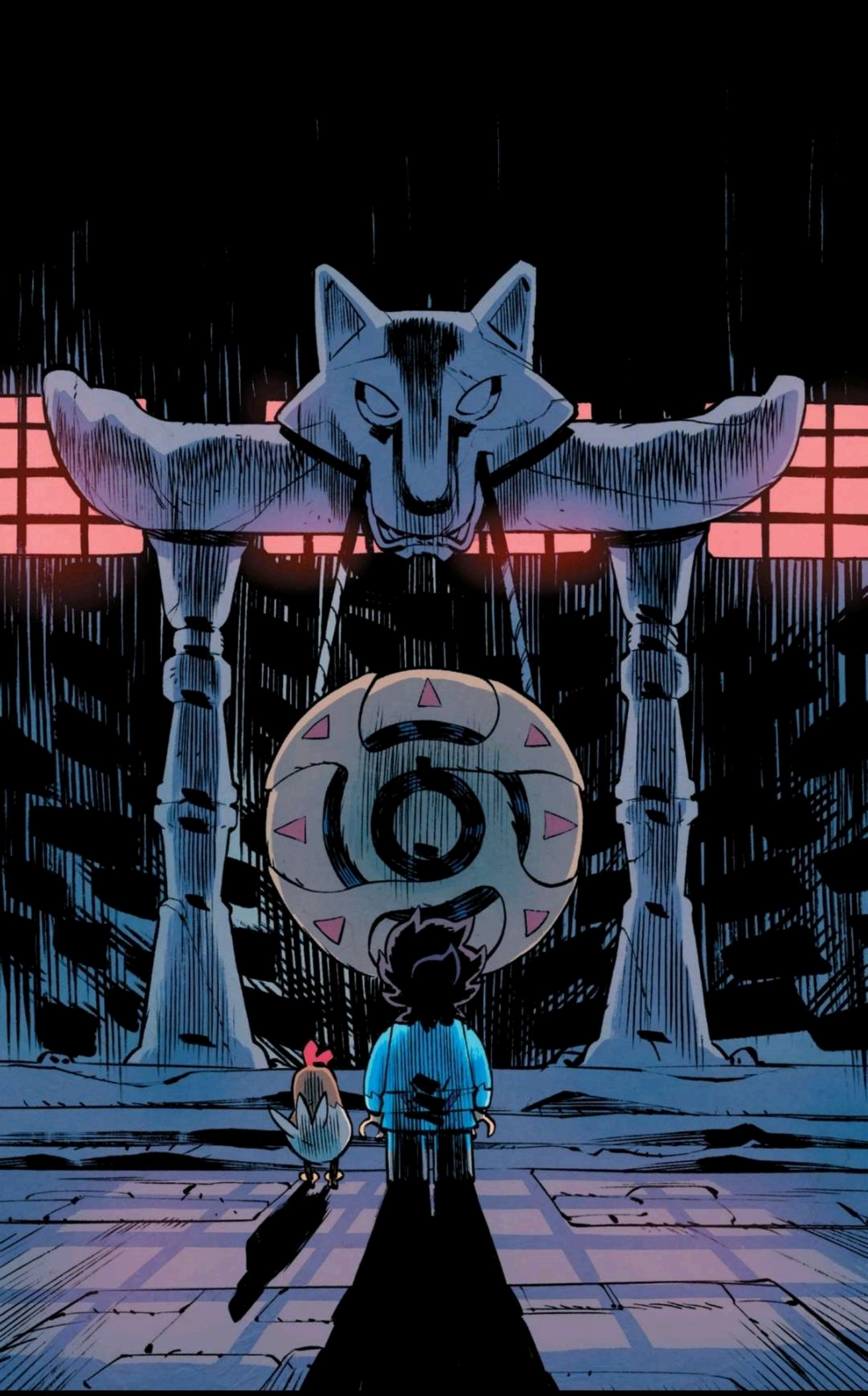
BUCK BUCK BUCK

SNIFF SNIFF

SQWAUK!!

BUCK BUCK BUCK BUCK BUCK

BUCK
BUCK
BUCK
BUCK



WAUGH!!!
NICE TRY--

--BUT I COULD SMELL YOU FROM A MILE AWAY, WARBY.

WELL, IT'S TOO BAD FOR YOU THAT I BELIEVE IN GOOD HYGIENE!

NOW GIVE ME THAT SCARF!

WHOOPS.

YOU ALSO TALK TOO MUCH.

LET'S GO, IRIEL! YOU DISTRACT HIM...

...AND I'LL GRAB THE-- DARN!

NOT BAD. YOU'VE BOTH IMPROVED.

BUT THE KEY TO VICTORY IS USING THE TERRAIN TO YOUR ADVANTAGE.

I AGREE.

OOF!

VERY GOOD, BALUN--

--BUT NOT GOOD ENOUG--

AGGH!!!

GOT YOU!

BOOM!

ALMOST, ZURI, BUT NOT QUITE. THE GAME'S NOT OVER UNTIL ONE OF YOU TAKE THIS SCARF.

WHICH I STILL HAVE.

THAT WAS PLAN A--

--THIS IS PLAN B.

NOW, EVERYONE!

WHAM!

WHAM!

WHAM!

WHAM!

BLAST IT!!!

HE'S DISTRACTED! NOW'S OUR CHANCE!

!!!

WHAM!

CLOSE...BUT NOT CLOSE ENOUGH.

YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?

HUNH?
THE SCARF...

OVER HERE.
I GUESS WE WIN?

HAHAHAHA.
I GUESS YOU DO.

THEN... DOES THAT MEAN...

YOU'RE READY TO FACE THE LYCAN KING.

YAAAAAA!!

YOU HEAR THAT, LYCAN KING?
WE'RE COMING FOR YOU!

SO THEY'VE FINALLY PASSED YOUR TEST--

--BUT ARE YOU SURE THEY'RE READY?

SNATCHING A SCARF IS ONE THING, BUT HOW WILL THAT HELP THEM DEFEAT THE LYCAN KING?

"THAT MONSTER IS NIGH INVINCIBLE SO LONG AS THE SPECTRAL CROWN SITS ON ITS BROW.

"AS LONG AS THE RUNES ARE INTACT, THE CROWN IS INCORPOREAL AND IMPERVIOUS TO ALL ATTACKS."

UNLESS WE DESTROY ALL FOUR RUNES SIMULTANEOUSLY, CORRECT?

YES, BUT--

THAT'S WHAT THIS GAME HAS BEEN PREPARING THEM FOR.

INDIVIDUALLY, NONE OF US COULD POSSIBLY FACE THE LYCAN KING.

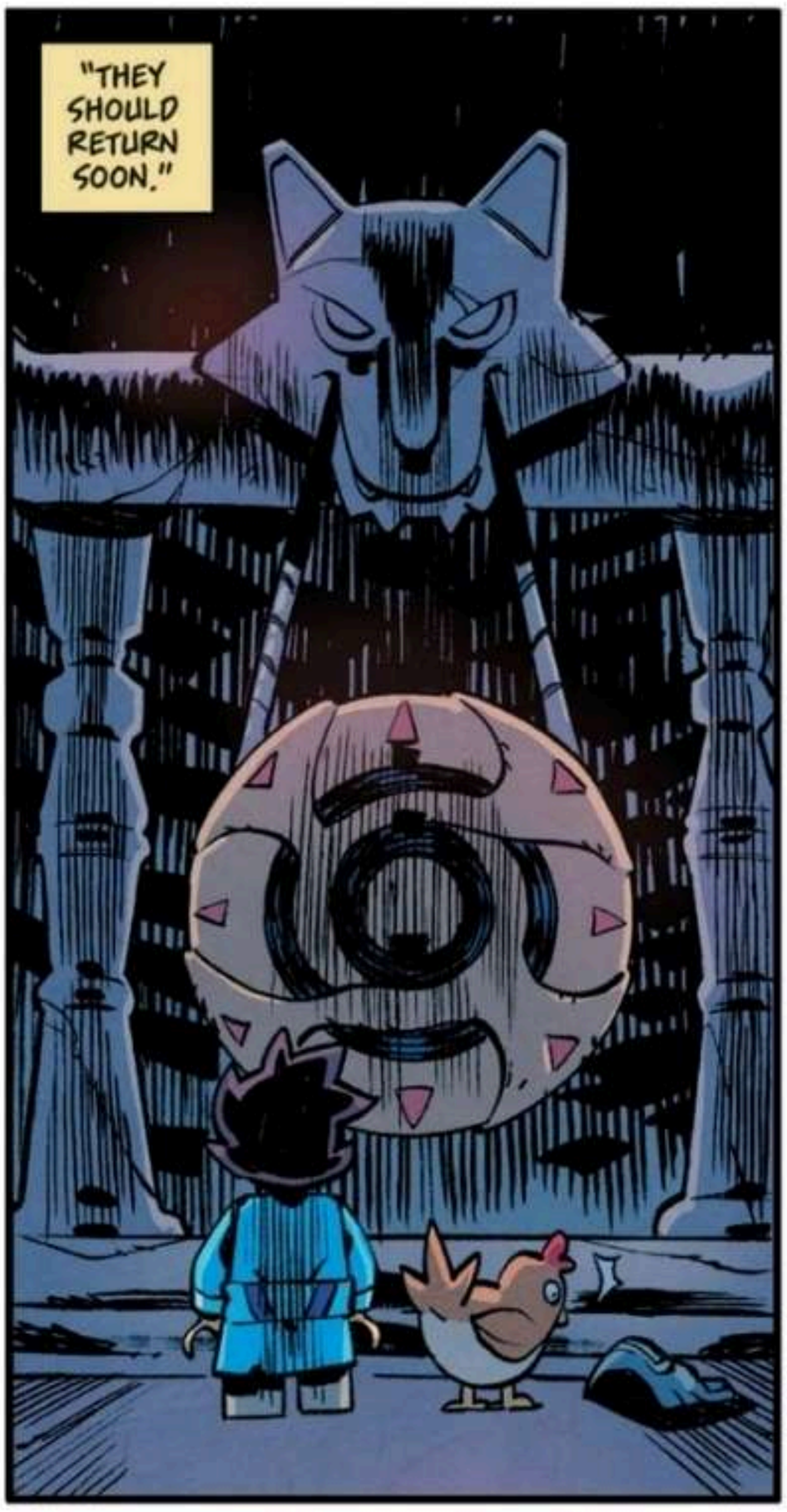
BUT WE HAVE OTHER ADVANTAGES.

WE ARE SMALLER, FASTER, SMARTER. THE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED NOT ONLY TO FIGHT, BUT TO USE GUILE AND TACTICS. MORE THAN THAT, THEY HAVE LEARNED TO ADAPT TO THE EVER CHANGING CHAOS OF THE BATTLEFIELD.

THEY'RE AS READY AS THEY'LL EVER BE. IT'S NOW OR NEVER.

WELL, YOU ARE THEIR TEACHER. YOU KNOW WHAT'S BEST FOR THEM.

IF YOUR MIND IS SET, THEN I BELIEVE A CELEBRATION IS IN ORDER. AND AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, I SENT BUCK BUCK AND ASA TO FORAGE FOR FOOD--


"THEY SHOULD RETURN SOON."

BUCK BUCK BUCK

CHILD OF THE WOLF...

... ARE YOU THE ONE WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR?

WILL YOU BE THE ONE TO RELEASE US FROM THIS CURSED HALF-EXISTENCE?

SQWUAK!!
THE FIVE FORETOLD THE COMING OF A CHILD WHO HAD WITHIN THEM THE SPARK OF ELEMENTAL MASTERY.
ARE YOU THAT CHILD?

RING THE GONG OF SHATTERING AND CLAIM YOUR DESTINY.
SQWUAK!!
FREE US FROM OBLIVION!

IF YOU WILL NOT DO SO, THEN GIVE US YOUR BODY AND WE WILL DO IT FOR YOU!
ROAARR

BUCK BUCK BUCK BUCK BUCK BUCK BUCK BUCK BUCK

ARGUS... OUR FALLEN LORD...

...HE WILL NOT LET US CLAIM THE CHILD...

...WE MUST TURN ONCE AGAIN...TO THE OUTSIDER...

...BE WARY...

...YOU THINK YOU RUN WITH WOLVES...

...BUT THERE IS A SNAKE IN YOUR MIDST...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? ARE MY STUDENTS IN DANGER?

WAIT! TALK TO--

LORD GARMADON? WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?

IS EVERYTHING OK?

...

IT'S NOTHING...

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT.

ARE WE REALLY GOING TO TAKE ON THE LYCAN KING?

YOU BET WE ARE!

LORD GARMADON SAID WE'RE READY!

--AND THERE WILL PROBABLY BE LOTS OF MEAT TO EAT.

WOW, CAN YOU IMAGINE IF WE ACTUALLY DO THIS? THIS DARNED ENDLESS TWILIGHT WILL FINALLY BE OVER.

A NEW DAWN WILL FINALLY BREAK IN THE WYLDNESS! PLANTS WILL BLOOM, LIFE WILL FLOURISH--

DON'T YOU THINK SOMETHING STILL FEELS KIND OF OFF?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

DON'T KNOW... IT'S JUST A FEELING.

LIKE THERE'S A SHADOW ON THE PERIPHERY OF OUR VISION, JUST OUT OF SIGHT.

IT'S MANIPULATING US, MAKING IT SEEM LIKE WE'RE CHOOSING OUR ACTIONS...BUT WE'RE ALL JUST PAWNS.

YOU...ME... EVEN LORD GARMADON.

JEEZ...YOU'RE A REAL DOWNER, YOU KNOW THAT?

YEAH, LIGHTEN UP, BALUN! EVEN LORD GARMADON CRACKED A SMILE EARLIER TODAY.

I'M STILL PROCESSING THAT! NORMALLY HE'S LIKE--

"FIGHTING IS ABOUT ONE THING... WILLPOWER!

"NOW DO ONE THOUSAND PUSH-UPS!"

HEHEHE...SO ACCURATE! LET ME TRY ONE.

AHEM..."VICTORY ISN'T JUST ABOUT COMBAT, IT'S ALSO ABOUT PREPARATION.

"A WELL-PREPARED WARRIOR HAS WON BEFORE HIS OPPONENT EVEN REALIZES THE FIGHT HAS BEGUN."

HAHA! SEE HOW FUN THIS IS?

NOW YOU TRY.

UMMM... OK...LET'S SEE...

"I'M LORD GARMADON.

"I'M A SMELLY DUMB-DUMB THAT DOESN'T LIKE ANYTHING EXCEPT BULLYING CHILDREN."

WHO LIKES BULLYING CHILDREN?

AH!

I-I-I... W-WE WERE J-JUST...

ONE THOUSAND PUSHUPS. GET TO IT.

WE WERE JUST, UH... GETTING THE BOAT READY!

Y-YEAH! YOU KNOW, FOR OUR INEVITABLE CONFRONTATION WITH THE LYCAN KING.

GOOD, GOOD. VICTORY ISN'T JUST ABOUT COMBAT, IT'S ALSO ABOUT PREPARATION.

A WELL PREPARED WARRIOR HAS WON BEFORE HIS OPPONENT EVEN REALIZES THE FIGHT HAS BEGUN.

ONE... TWO... THREE...

LORD GARMADON, I WAS WONDERING...

WHAT HAPPENS IF... NO, *WHEN* WE BEAT THE LYCAN KING?

ARE YOU GOING HOME? TO NINJAGO?

...FORTY-FOUR... FORTY-FIVE....

I HAVE TO. THERE'S STILL A WAR I NEED TO STOP.

I SEE. YOU HAVE TO LEAVE US...

I WAS GOING TO BRING THIS UP AFTER THE BATTLE...BUT I WAS THINKING...

MAYBE YOU ALL CAN COME WITH ME?

YOU'D TAKE US WITH YOU BACK TO NINJAGO?!

WHY IS THIS SUCH A SURPRISE?

WELL...WE WEREN'T EVEN SURE IF YOU LIKED US.

I'M...NOT EXACTLY GREAT WITH PEOPLE OR GOOD WITH WORDS. BUT... I'M, UH...VERY PROUD OF--

BUCK

BUCK

BUCK BUCK!!! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!

HE'S EXHAUSTED! GET HIM SOME WATER!

WHY WERE YOU AND ASA LOOKING FOR FOOD AROUND THE SHADOW DOJO?!

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN THERE ALONE WITHOUT US!

BUCK BUCK BUCK

BUCK BUCK BUCK BUCK BUCK BUCK BUCK BUCK

BUCK BUCK... YOU BRAVE FOOL...

UH...

BUCK BUCK BUCK

WHAT?!

"ASA'S BEEN TAKEN BY THE LYCAN KING!"

JUST WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING WITH THAT BOY?

SUCH FURY!

ENJOY YOUR FREEDOM WHILE YOU HAVE IT, OLD FRIEND.

MY MANY YEARS OF CAREFUL SCHEMING ARE FINALLY COMING TO FRUITION.

THE RETURN OF ZAIDEN KANE IS NIGH!!!

AHAHA HAHAHAHHA!

CHAPTER 5
HOMECOMING

BEHOLD-- LUPINDOR!

ONCE, THE GREAT CAPITAL CITY OF THE WOLF CLAN. NOW, JUST WATER AND RUBBLE.

WE'RE SURE THIS IS WHERE ASA WAS TAKEN?

IT MUST BE! THE LYCAN KING MAKES HIS LAIR HERE.

ASA BETTER BE SAFE...OTHERWISE, THE LYCAN KING'S GONNA GET PUNCHED IN THE NOSE!

THE WOLF CLAN BATTLED ZAIDEN KANE HERE. SOME SAY OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS HAUNT THESE RUINS.

...

THEY DO.

Drip
Drip
Drip

THIS IS IT. THE HALL OF WOLVES, THE WOLF CLAN'S FORMER SEAT OF POWER.

NOW, IT JUST SERVES AS THE LYCAN KING'S LAIR. IF ASA'S BEEN TAKEN, HE'D SURELY BE HERE.

REMEMBER, THIS IS NOW A RESCUE MISSION. WE SNEAK IN, FIND YOUR BROTHER, AND SNEAK OUT.

WE'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO TRY TO TAKE OUT THE LYCAN KING? WHAT ABOUT ALL OUR TRAINING?

WARBY'S RIGHT! LORD GARMADON, WE TRAINED HARD FOR THIS! THE LYCAN KING--

--WILL BE DEALT WITH ANOTHER DAY, ZURI. WE DON'T ENGAGE HIM, UNDERSTOOD?

...UNDERSTOOD.

ASA!!!

HOLD ON.

THE LYCAN KING COULD BE USING ASA TO BAIT US. YOU ALL STAY PUT, I'LL GET HIM.

BUT HE'S RIGHT THERE! LET'S JUST GO RESCUE HIM!

OKAY, EVERYBODY FAN OUT AND GET SOME HEIGHT. WE'LL FORM A CIRCLE AROUND THE THRONE.

WHAT? LORD GARMADON TOLD US TO STAY PUT!

WE ARE STAYING PUT, WE'RE JUST FINDING A BETTER VANTAGE POINT.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE OPPOSITE OF STAYING PUT.

JUST DO IT, BALUN!

ZURI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

JUST BEING PREPARED IN CASE AN OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF.

PST.

ASA, OVER HERE!

THOOM!

EASY...EASY NOW. I'M NOT HERE TO FIGHT, I'M JUST GOING TO TAKE THE BOY--

AGH!

LOOK! THE RUNES!

NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO DESTROY THEM WHILE GARMADON KEEPS HIM BUSY!

IT'S NOW OR NEVER! EVERYBODY GET READY AND WAIT FOR MY SIGNAL!

BUT LORD GARMADON SAID--

I'M MAKING THE CALL! DO IT!

HNNNGGH!

NOW!!!

WHAT? NO COUNTDOWN?!?

FOR THE WYLDNESS!

FOR THE WOLF CLAN!!!

THOOM!

WE GOT HIM!

NO, LOOK!

THE RUNES ARE REFORMING. OUR TIMING MUST HAVE BEEN OFF!

ASA! WE HAVE TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE!

UH-OH, I THINK WE MADE HIM MAD!

AWOOOO!

ASA!!!

GET DOWN!!!

NO...

THOOM!

ASA SHATTERED THE RUNES!

I MUST STRIKE NOW! WHILE THE SPECTRAL CROWN IS SOLID!!!

KLUNG!

BOOM!

DESTROY THE CROWN, MAMA MAWA!

TINK

TINK

I DON'T BELIEVE I WILL.

AHA HAHAHA HAH!

MAMA MAWA WAS BUT A CONVENIENT RUSE WHILE I SCHEMED AND PLOTTED IN SECRET ALL THESE YEARS!

MY TRUE NAME--

--IS ZAIDEN KANE!!!

NOW, RISE MY LYCAN KING!!!

HAHA HAHA HAHA!

H-HOW? ASA DESTROYED THE RUNES!

FOOL! I WANTED YOU TO!

"THE WOLF CLAN KNEW THEY COULD NOT DEFEAT THE LYCAN KING. INSTEAD, THEY USED THEIR CUNNING AND THEIR MAGIC TO BIND THEIR FALLEN LORD WITH FOUR RUNES TO LOCK THE SPECTRAL CROWN FROM ME."

THE VERY RUNES THAT YOU TAUGHT THEIR DESCENDANTS TO DESTROY USING THEIR OWN LOST ART! AHAHAHAHAHA!

Y-YOU TRICKED ME!!!

AND WHAT A MOST WILLING PUPPET YOU WERE! NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I HAVE AN ENTIRE REALM TO SUBJUGATE--

--AND I MUST MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME!

THANKS FOR THE SAVE, ASA!

EH? WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME?

THE SHADOW DOJO?

AND WITHIN IT...

...THE GONG OF SHATTERING!!! GOOD THINKING!

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THIS FOOL BRINGS THE PLACE DOWN ON OUR HEADS!

THOOM!

HAHAHA! YOU CAN'T OUTRUN ME, MY PUPPETS!

YOU KNOW WHAT?

YOU'RE RIGHT.

WHAM!

NO!!!

KRAK!

CURSE YOU, THIS WON'T STOP ME!!!

IT DOESN'T NEED TO.

IT JUST NEEDS TO BUY US ENOUGH TIME--

"--TO GET TO THE SHADOW DOJO."

ASA, WE'RE OUT OF ALL OPTIONS BUT ONE. I NEED TO RING THE GONG OF SHATTERING AND PRAY THAT I CAN INHERIT THE TRUE POWER OF SHATTERSPIN...

...WITHOUT BECOMING A MINDLESS BEAST.

IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG... IF I'M... NO LONGER MYSELF.. YOU MUST GET FAR FROM HERE. GET TO THE PORTAL WHERE YOU FOUND ME AND SWIM THROUGH TO NINJAGO.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

OKAY, HERE WE GO...

...

DO IT.

WHO SAID THAT?!

RING THE GONG OF SHATTERING. CAST ASIDE YOUR HUMANITY...

...AND SET ME FREE.

NO!!!

IT'S OKAY, GARMADON.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID.

A-ASA? YOU CAN TALK?

I ALWAYS COULD. BUT I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TO SAY.

IT WAS ALWAYS NICER JUST TO LISTEN TO THE VOICES OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

FINISHING THIS.

GONK!

HAHAHAHA!!!

DID YOU THINK A LITTLE WATER WOULD STOP--

OH NO...

ASA...WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO YOURSELF?

ZAIDEN KANE!

YOU DARE TO STEAL THE POWER OF THE IMMORTALS?!

I DO!!!

NO! MY CROWN!

UNFORGIVABLE ARROGANCE!

I NOW CONSIGN YOU TO OBLIVION!

ASA!!!

GARMADON...

...LOOK AFTER BUCK BU--

ASA?

NO...

HUH?

SUNLIGHT...

LORD GARMADON!!!
ZURI?
MY STUDENTS!
IT'S A MIRACLE! YOU'RE NO LONGER PETRIFIED!
NOT JUST US, BUT THE ENTIRE WOLF CLAN, TOO! YOU AND ASA MUST HAVE DEFEATED THE LYCAN KING AND ENDED THE CURSE!
A NEW DAY DAWNS ON THE WYLDNESS!
WHERE'S ASA? I DON'T SEE HIM ANYWHERE.
ZURI... ASA IS...
WHAT? WHAT IS IT?
GONE...

BUCK BUCK BUCK

BUCK BUCK THINKS YOU SHOULD STAY.

BWACK!

I WISH THAT I COULD, BUT NINJAGO NEEDS ME.

I CAME HERE LOOKING FOR A POWER TO AVERT A WAR. I DIDN'T FIND IT--

--BUT I DID FIND SOMETHING MUCH GREATER.

WE'LL MISS YOU. WE WON'T FORGET WHAT YOU TAUGHT US.

I'LL MISS ALL OF YOU, TOO. IRIEL'S SWEET NATURE, BALUN'S THOUGHTFULNESS, ZURI'S COURAGE, AND WARBY'S...UH...

YES?

WELL, I'LL JUST MISS ALL OF WARBY.

SON OF NINJAGO. THE WOLF CLAN WILL FOREVER BE IN YOUR DEBT. BUT WE HAVE ONE FINAL FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU.

TAKE THESE ARTIFACTS WITH YOU BACK TO NINJAGO. NEVER LET THEM FALL TO THE WRONG HANDS AGAIN.

YOU HAVE MY WORD. WHAT WILL THE WOLF CLAN DO NOW?

WE WILL LEAVE THE SHADOW DOJO BEHIND AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE INSTEAD.

WE WILL REBUILD FAR FROM HERE--

--UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR NEW LEADER.

ZURI, ABOUT ASA...

WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND ANY SIGNS OF HIM. MAYBE... HE'S REALLY GONE.

BUT WE'LL NEVER STOP LOOKING FOR OUR BROTHER. AND HE'LL ALWAYS BE IN OUR HEARTS.

AND MINE.

FAREWELL, MY STUDENTS. FIND ME IN NINJAGO IF YOU EVER NEED ME.

The End.

GARMADON

WILL RETURN

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SKETCHBOOK

Meet the children of the Wyldness--
Warby, Zuri, Balun, Iriel and Asa!

Asa in comparison to a full sized character

A size comparison between an early Asa design and Mama Mawa.

Another early design as Tri explored how to distinguish the look of the children in this realm compared to what we've previously seen in the land of Ninjago.

skirt + front sash is cloth

The Lycan King

final rune under mask →

Size Comparison

Here are Tri's first designs for the terrifying Lycan King.

And here's a more refined version, incorporating more LEGO minifigure DNA into the head sculpt to create this truly terrifying creature.

Tri produced a lot of amazing art in the development of this series. Here's a look at some of his rough cover layouts.

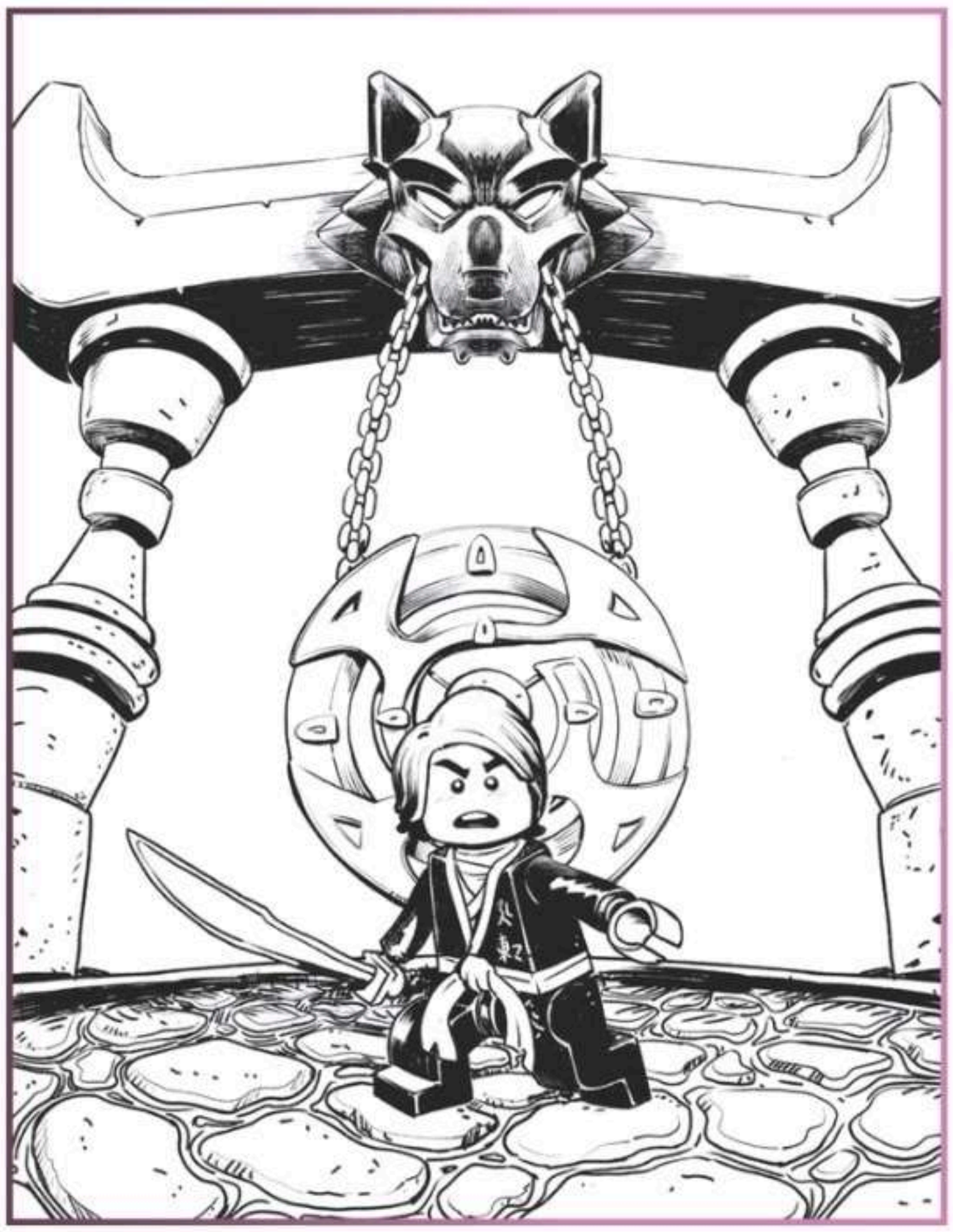
Group shot of human Garmadon and kids while Oni Garmadon looms over them. The Wyldness is represented by brambles and leaves.

Action shot of Garmadon and kids leaping towards the reading against a snarling silhouette of a fierce wolf.

A throwback to Garmadon #1 cover but with a human Garmadon. He is unsheathing his sword in a cool and mysterious way so that his features are slightly covered. In the background is the snarling visage of the Lycan King.

Garmadon facing an unknown threat while standing in front of the gong of shattering.

The eerie glowing eyes of the wolf clan shades glow ominously in the darkness.



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